

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May  $1^{st}$  as Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2023 is Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, at times throughout our nation's history, there have been divisions in society, aggravated by incivility in public discourse, insufficient understanding about the Constitution and the way American government works. Even the founding generation overcame deep divisions to craft our great charter of government; and

WHEREAS, all Americans must remember, as President Lincoln proclaimed, "We are not enemies, but friends... Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection"; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting collaboration to overcome our differences and resolve our disputes so that we may strengthen the bonds of affection between citizens and ensure all Americans understand how our constitutional order protects the blessings of liberty; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Americans to work together to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes and preserve our democracy and republic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2023, as

## Law Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 6th day of April 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor